

Family Worship
Week of January 15, 2023

Instruction: Whatever time of day works best each day for you or your family, use the prompts below to spend a few minutes together in prayer and the Word. Open and close each session with a simple prayer. Use the questions for meditation or discussion.

Sermon Meditations: Practical Instruction Rooted in Forgiveness and Love

Monday

- Open in Prayer
- Read: Zechariah 8
- Meditation: Pastor Matt's first point on Sunday was "The Christian life is a life lived in community." In Ephesians 4:25 Paul makes an allusion to Zechariah 8. There the community of the faithful in the last days is described and given instruction. Paul applies this instruction to us! The Church is God's work – he is building it. Are there ways that we have had a small view of the Church that need to change? What should we do differently?
- Close in Prayer

Tuesday

- Open in Prayer
- Read: Ephesians 4:25-5:2
- Meditation: Pastor Matt's second point on Sunday was "The Christian life is a life of forgiveness." Paul says we should forgive even as we have been forgiven by God in Christ. Is there anyone you haven't forgiven that you need to be reconciled with? Anyone from whom you've been withholding forgiveness?
- Close in Prayer

Wednesday

- Open in Prayer
- Read: Ephesians 4:25-5:2
- Meditation: Pastor Matt's third point on Sunday was "The Christian life is a life is a life of love." We are motivated in all of this by our love for one another, even as we have been perfectly loved by Christ. What are some practical ways we can love one another better in our homes and in the church?
- Close in Prayer

Preparing Our Hearts to Receive the Word

Thursday

- Open in Prayer
- Read: Ephesians 5:3-14
- Meditation: What questions do you have about this text? Is there anything confusing or curious? Does anything stand out as important?
- Close in Prayer

Friday

- Open in Prayer
- Read: Ephesians 5:3-14
- Meditation: Westminster Shorter Catechism Question 4 asks, "What do the Scriptures principally teach?" Answer: "The Scriptures principally teach what man is to believe concerning God and what duty God requires of man." What does this passage teach us about God's character and work? What does it teach us about our own hearts and need for a Savior?
- Close in Prayer